



INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Lori Torres, Inspector General

OFFICE: ILLINOIS HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES (HFS), OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
TITLE: ILLINOIS HFS ASSIST
CASE ID: 2017-07-0143
DATE: December 22, 2017

Indiana Office of Inspector General Staff Attorney, Matt Savage, after an investigation by Special Agent Mark Mitchell, reports as follows:

On July 13, 2017, Special Agent Mark Mitchell with the Indiana Office of Inspector General (OIG) received a request from the Illinois Healthcare and Family Services Office of Inspector General (Illinois HFS) for assistance with a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) fraud investigation. An Illinois HFS Investigator asked Agent Mitchell to locate an individual and determine whether she receives SNAP benefits from the State of Indiana.

IC 4-2-7-3 authorizes the OIG to coordinate investigations with other agencies. Agent Mitchell obtained Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) records showing that the individual lives at an East Central Indiana address, and Agent Mitchell provided these records to the HFS Investigator. Agent Mitchell also put the HFS Investigator in contact with the Director of Investigations for the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's (FSSA) Northern Indiana unit, to determine whether the individual receives SNAP benefits. FSSA's Director of Investigations provided the HFS Investigator with records showing that the individual does receive SNAP benefits from the State of Indiana. On July 17, 2017, the HFS Investigator requested the individual's vehicle registration records, which Agent Mitchell obtained from the BMV and provided to the HFS Investigator. On October 4, 2017, the HFS Investigator requested assistance with obtaining wage information for a second individual. Agent Mitchell obtained the information from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and sent it to the HFS Investigator.

Illinois HFS has not requested additional assistance from the OIG. Unless the Illinois HFS requests further assistance, this investigation is closed.

Dated: December 22, 2017

APPROVED BY:

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